

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 6, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Claims 1-37 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 13, 17, 28 and 32-37 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Claim 32 is objected to because of the following informalities: An apparatus should be a system. Applicants are unaware of a basis for this objection, either statutory or procedural. However, to facilitate prosecution Applicants have amended claim 32 according to the Examiner's recommendation.

Claims 1-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Huang et al.* (US 6,571,245 B2). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Huang discloses a virtual desktop in a computer network. The virtual desktop is provided by a network of servers coupled to the Internet. (See, Abstract.) As suggested by the term "virtual" the applications and files of the virtual desktop are maintained on a network of servers but are accessible through any one of a variety of computer systems. (See, Figure 1.) The point of a virtual desktop is to provide a user with global accessibility to the applications and files of the virtual desktop, regardless of the computer being used to access the virtual desktop. (Column 5, lines 25-54.) Thus, However, *Huang* discloses a server-based network accessible by client computers (i.e., thin clients) to run applications and exchange information with the network and with one another. Accordingly, any file sharing performed between the client computers necessarily occurs through the server-based network and does not occur directly between the client computers. As such, the client computers do not communicate with one another, but rather request information from the server-based network that provides the virtual desktop. In contrast, the present claims recite browser information being transmitted from the computer on which the browser information originates to specified (i.e., targeted) computers. *Huang* does not disclose such peer-to-peer communications. In fact, such communications are an impossibility for *Huang* because such

communications undermine the file synchronization feature of *Huang*. (See, Column, lines 44-46 and Column 12, lines 35-37.)

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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